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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed October 3, 2006,  
setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response  
which expires on January 3, 2007, amend the above-captioned patent  
application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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